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## Vietnam

## LOCK-UP REPORT

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**Report Highlights:**

Post revises Vietnam's total paddy rice production in calendar year 2009 up from 35.92 million tons to 35.99 million tons, as a result of a slight increase in area planted of Autumn and Winter crops.

The revised total of Vietnam's rice exports for the calendar year 2009 is also up from 5.5 million tons to 5.7 million tons of milled rice, based on the current rice trade situation and the year to date exports.

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## STATISTICAL TABLES

**Table 1. Vietnam's Production, Supply and Demand for Rice**

Rice, Milled Vietnam	2007			2008			2009		
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010		
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2008			Market Year Begin: Jan 2009			Market Year Begin: Jan 2010		
	USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Jan
			Data			Data			Data
Area Harvested	7,412	7,412	7,412	7,344	7,244	7,360	7,290	7,290	7,290
Beginning Stocks	1,392	1,392	1,392	2,018	2,018	2,018	974	1,474	1,421
Milled Production	24,375	24,376	24,376	23,706	23,706	23,753	23,795	23,795	23,795
Rough Production	36,932	36,933	36,933	35,918	35,918	35,989	36,053	36,053	36,053
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
MY Imports	300	300	300	400	400	500	400	400	500
TY Imports	300	300	300	400	400	500	400	400	500
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	26,067	26,068	26,068	26,124	26,124	26,271	25,169	25,669	25,716
MY Exports	4,649	4,650	4,650	6,000	5,500	5,700	5,000	5,000	5,000
TY Exports	4,649	4,650	4,650	6,000	5,500	5,700	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Consumption	19,400	19,400	19,400	19,150	19,150	19,150	19,150	19,150	19,150
Ending Stocks	2,018	2,018	2,018	974	1,474	1,421	1,019	1,519	1,566
Total Distribution	26,067	26,068	26,068	26,124	26,124	26,271	25,169	25,669	25,716
Yield (Rough)	5.	5.	4.9829	5.	5.	4.8898	5.	5.	4.9455

## PRODUCTION

**Table 2. Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (as of August 2009)**

Marketing Year	2007 Revised		2008 Estimate		2009 Forecast	
Harvested Area (tha)	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Winter <sup>1</sup>	1,846	1,846	1,820	1,826	1,810	1,810
Spring <sup>2</sup>	2,971	2,971	3,024	3,024	2,980	2,980
Autumn <sup>3</sup>	2,595	2,595	2,500	2,510	2,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,344</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>7,290</b>
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.29	4.29	4.22	4.22	4.25	4.25
Spring	5.83	5.83	5.60	5.60	5.70	5.70
Autumn	4.50	4.50	4.52	4.52	4.55	4.55
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>4.94</b>	<b>4.94</b>
Production (tmt)						
Winter	7,919	7,919	7,680	7,706	7,692	7,692
Spring	17,336	17,336	16,938	16,938	16,986	16,986
Autumn	11,678	11,678	11,300	11,345	11,375	11,375
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,933</b>	<b>36,933</b>	<b>35,918</b>	<b>35,989</b>	<b>36,053</b>	<b>36,053</b>

<sup>1</sup> Lua Mua (10<sup>th</sup> Month), <sup>2</sup> Winter-Spring, <sup>3</sup> Summer-Autumn

Source: MARD, Post estimates

#### Autumn Crop

As of August 15, the total planting area for the main Autumn crop is approximately 2.04 million hectares, up from 2.02 million hectares reported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) last July 15. The area increase was in provinces other than the Mekong River Delta (MRD), while in MRD, the planting area was unchanged. The harvested area of this main Autumn crop was reported at 1.22 million hectares, accounting for 60 percent of the planted area.

Due to the excess rain that brought early flooding in the Delta, MARD revised its estimate of the planted area for the Late Autumn crop, grown only in the Mekong River Delta (MRD), from 480,000 hectares down to 470,000 hectares. MARD also advised farmers to finish planting before the end of August.

The total area for the Autumn crop, including the main Autumn crop and the late Autumn crop will increase from 2.50 to 2.51 million hectares.

#### Winter Crop

The planted area of the Winter crop was reported at 1.46 million hectares, as of August 15.

The planted area of the winter crop in the Northern provinces was completed and is estimated at 1.17 million hectares, about 8,000 hectares less than that of the same crop last year. In the south, the planting is still going on with about 294,000 hectares reported in mid August. The total planted area in the south, however, is expected to increase by about 14,000 hectares to a total of 656,000 hectares.

As a result, the total planted area of the winter crop is expected to increase by 6,000 hectares, to 1.826 million hectares.

Assuming the unchanged yields of the two crops, Autumn and Winter, post revises its estimate of Vietnam's total paddy rice production in calendar year 2009 up from 35.92 million tons to 35.99 million tons.

### **Rice Production in the Mekong River Delta**

Total paddy production in the Mekong River Delta is slightly down from 20.35 to 20.31 million tons because of less planted area in the late Autumn crop.

**Table 3. Rice Production in the Mekong Delta by Marketing Year (see VM9080)**

(000 ha; mt/ha; ,000 mt)

	2007 (Revised)	2008 (Estimate) (old)	2008 (Est.) (new)
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	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.
<b>Winter</b>	345	3.96	1,366	340	3.95	1,343	340	3.95	1,343
<b>Spring</b>	1,511	6.40	9,670	1,544	6.32	9,758	1,544	6.32	9,758
<b>Autumn</b>	1,550	4.74	7,351	1,553	4.72	7,330	1,553	4.72	7,330
<b>Late Autumn</b>	506	4.00	2,024	480	4.00	1,920	470	4.00	1,880
<b>Total</b>	3,894		20,411	3,917		20,351	3,907		20,311

Source: MARD, Post estimate

## Rice Imports

Rice imports into Vietnam are mostly from Cambodia through the cross border trade of paddy rice. There are two periods of time in the year paddy rice is brought into Vietnam (November-January and May-July). The main crop is called the 'wet season crop' and it is harvested and imported by December. The other crop is the smaller 'dry season crop' and it is usually imported around June or July. The 'dry season crop' is largely planted by the Vietnamese farmers on rented land in the border provinces of Cambodia. After the harvest the farmers take this paddy rice into Vietnam with small boats each carrying 5-10 tons of rice down the Mekong River into Vietnam.

There is no official figure on the cross border paddy rice imports into Vietnam. Some provincial rice exporters have observed an increase of import volume from the dry season crop this year. Post is using this as a basis for revising the Vietnam calendar year total rice imports from 400,000 tons to 500,000 tons on milled rice basis.

## Rice Exports

Post revises total Vietnam calendar year 2009 rice exports from 5.5 million tons to 5.7 million tons of milled rice, based on the current rice trade situation and year to date export data.

End of Report